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from his native country, the District of

Man in the Kwangtung College, and studied in

the Peking Young College, in the Tsing-Ma-Chan

Street for the purpose of receiving dividends of

the Imperial Kwangtung Loan of 1894,

has LOST by theft Six Certificates Nos.

7,426, 8,461, 8,462, 8,463, 8,464, and 8,465 of the

said Imperial Kwangtung Loan, together with

thirty warrants of the same, serials the third,

fourth, fifth, and sixth, which of the said

only twelve of which have been issued on the

remaining twenty-four remained unissued on

the 2nd September. Great care should be

taken not to buy any of the said certificates or

warrants, as they have been reported to the

Commissioners of Customs for removal.

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capture of the thief together with the discovery

of the lost warrants and certificates.

"FOO CHI YAN."

Canton, 7th September, 1898. [1905]

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are in charge of the General Office of the Hong-

kong and Kowloon Wharf and General Com-

pany, Limited, are hereby informed that unless

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The idea that many people have in their
mind when they speak of the application of
what is termed the policy of the open door
to China appears to be that such a policy
would mark out the whole country as a
sphere of British influence. Hence the
warmth with which they support it. But,
unfortunately, a little examination will
show that the effect would be something
very different. As regards commerce in its
every day aspect, the import and export of
goods and their free sale, the open door
policy is to be insisted upon, if necessary,
as Sir MICHAEL HICKS BEACH said, at the
cost of war; but no nation has hitherto
opposed the policy in that application of it,
while Germany at Kiaochau, Russia at
Talienwan, and, we believe, France at
Kwangchauwan, have formally approved and
endorsed it. But when we come to rail-
way and mining enterprise and the
reorganisation of the Chinese Army and
Navy and Civil Service, there must
necessity be spheres of influence, and
the Power that refuses to recognise the
fact incurs the risk of being left without
a sphere at all. It has been suggested that
Great Britain should call a Conference of
the Powers to persuade them to leave China
alone for ten years, jointly giving the Em-
peror such assistance as he may need to
re-establish internal order, and allowing China
to select for herself foreigners to reorganise
her army, navy, finances, public works, &c.
What sort of a selection would China make
under such circumstances? If her choice
were really free and unfettered she would
fall a prey to disreputable schemers and
plotters who were ready to make promises
and hold out inducements which they had
neither the intention nor ability to fulfil.
It would be like a case of sending out a
child of tender years to money to buy
a new suit of clothes for himself and letting
him fall into the hands of the second hand
dealer. But it is inconceivable that China
could be left to exercise an unfettered
choice. Each of the Ministers at Peking,
except perhaps our own, would be urging
the claims of this or that candidate and
the one that could urge the strongest or the
most unscrupulously would carry his point.
It would be much better that the Powers
principally interested should agree amongst
themselves, if any agreement were found
possible, as to the share each shall take in
the development of the Chinese Empire,
in the same way as rival shipping firms on
the coast, when they find that neither can
cut the throat of the other, make an agree-
ment to work together in amity and for
their mutual advantage. If Great Britain
were prepared to mark out the whole of China
as her sphere of influence, well and good; the
policy would be a bold one and one worth

fighting for; but to forego spheres of influence altogether, whether large or small, would be to practice a self-abnegation that is quite uncalled for. England's true policy is to stand up for the open door so far as the important export of goods and ordinary trade are concerned, but as to mining and railway enterprise, control of public works, and reorganisation of the public services, to recognise spheres of influence, marking out for herself a rather large sphere. The open door and spheres of influence are not necessarily antithetical. We hold the door open in Hongkong, for instance, but allow of no derogation of British sovereignty over the place. The same model has been adopted for the free ports of the other Powers on the China Coast, and we doubt not that British merchants will benefit from the new openings thus afforded. The same principles could be equally well applied in sphere of influence as in open ports. It would also be more wholesome for China to know to whom she was to look for guidance in any particular direction that to have competitors overbidding each other in their attempts to corrupt her officials by bribery.

HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD
Yesterday afternoon a meeting of the Hong-
kong Sanitary Board was held under the chair-
manship of the Vice-President (Hon. R. H.
May, Captain Superintendent of Police), there
being also present: Hon. R. D. Ormsby (Direc-
tor of Public Works), Dr. J. A. Lawson (Act-
ing Principal Civil Medical Officer), Mr. E.
Dyer Ball (Acting Registrar-General), Mr. E.
Ostern, and Mr. F. C. Clark (Medical Officer
of Health and Acting Sanitary Secretary).

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE CEMETERY
BY-LAWS.

Proposed amendments of by-laws for the re-
gulation and sanitary maintenance of cemeteries
were submitted.

Dr. CLARK said the by-laws had been printed
and circulated. No. 1 was a model. It said:

"Every cemetery shall be at all times under
the charge of a member of the Sanitary Board

and any of its officers who may be directed to
make such inspections. This gave the right

of entry to officers and members of the Board.
Another of the amended by-laws read—

"A register shall be kept by the person or
persons in charge of each cemetery, at or near
each cemetery and the date of death, the name
and cause of death of each person

shall be entered thereon against the number of
the grave in which the corpse is interred; such
register shall be open to inspection by any mem-
ber of the Board who may be directed to make such
inspection, at any reasonable hour."

The present by-laws compelled the keeping of
a register of the names and causes of death of
the deceased in the cemeteries.

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Government proposed to prohibit this.

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APPROVAL FROM THE ITALIAN CONVENT.

Approval having been received for permission
to manufacture and retail water-biscuits at the

Italian Convent,

Dr. LOWSON, Mr. E. Osborne, and the Director
of Public Works made a model. It said:

"Every manufacturer shall be subject to
the permission asked for the Director of
Public Works, stating—'I am strongly in
favour of granting the permission asked. The
use of w.c.'s at this level is of advantage to
all inhabitants lower down to the harbour front,
as the flow of water in the drain pipes will be
greater and more rapid.'

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